



***Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks***

Region 4, Great Falls

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FWP Seeks Comment On Burying Telephone Lines at Beckman EA

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is seeking public comment on a proposal to grant an easement to a telephone company to bury phone lines across the Beckman Wildlife Management Area.

Under the proposal, Central Montana Communications Inc., Havre, Mont., wants to replace their existing copper cable.

Copper telephone cables are generally buried to a depth of 30 to 36 inches by either a direct mounted cable plow or trenching. The area of disturbance during cable installation rarely exceeds the width of the equipment or 10 feet, while the actual cable placement operation directly impacts no more than 6 to 10 inches of soil.

Upon completion areas of disturbance are restored to an acceptable condition by means appropriate to local conditions: compaction, grading, hand raking, etc.

Copies of the EA are available from Heberly and Associates Engineering, Brent Finneman, P.O. Box 1311, 521 Fourth St., Havre, MT 59501. Or call: (406) 265-6741.

Comments will be accepted for 30 days, Aug. 5 to Sept. 5, 2006. Send comments to MFWP, Lands Unit, P.O. Box 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701. ATTN: Beckman phone lines.